

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of finishing a wood surface for exterior exposure of the wood, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a finishing film material in the form of a sheet, said finishing material comprising:

(i) a flexible polymeric sheet material having a first major surface and a second major surface;

(ii) a pressure sensitive adhesive layer covering at least a portion of the first major surface of the sheet material;

(b) providing a wood substrate having a surface; and

(c) adhering the adhesive layer of the finishing film material to the surface of the wood by placing the adhesive layer of the finishing film in contact with the surface of the wood substrate and optionally applying pressure and/or heat to at least a portion of the finishing film.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the wood substrate is selected from the group consisting of teak and mahogany.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the polymeric sheet material comprises an aliphatic polyurethane.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the polymeric sheet material has a percent elongation of about 60% or greater.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the polymeric sheet material has a thickness ranging from about 3 to 18 mils.

6. The method of claim 4, wherein the polymeric sheet material has a thickness ranging from about 5 to 12 mils.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the polymeric sheet material comprises an ultraviolet absorber.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer is an acrylic adhesive.

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9. The method of claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer has a thickness ranging from about 0.5 to 10 mils.

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10. The method of claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer has a thickness ranging from about 1 to 5 mils.

11. The method of claim 1, further including the step of:

(a) coating the surface of the wood substrate with a liquid coating composition comprising a polymer or polymer precursor dispersed or dissolved in a liquid.

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12. The method of claim 8, wherein the liquid coating composition comprises a polyurethane polymer dispersed or dissolved in a solvent.

13. The method of claim 1, further including the step of:

(a) wetting the surface of the wood substrate with a wetting solution prior to step (c).

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14. The method of claim 1, wherein the adhesive layer is repositionable.

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15. The method of claim 14, wherein the adhesive layer has a microstructured surface.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein the adhesive layer includes a water-soluble detackifying overcoat.

17. A method of finishing a wood surface for exterior exposure of the wood, said method comprising the steps of:

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